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Rolling a joint; marijuana pipes at a smoke shop in Manhattan; Smoke shops are well positioned to cash in on the legalization of marijuana. / GETTY IMAGES; AARON ADLER; METRO

Will New York City cash in on marijuana?

Marijuana. Legalization could boost private sector job growth across the state.

Will 2015 be the year that marijuana is made legal in New York State?

A week after voters in Washington, D.C., Oregon and Alaska agreed to make recreational marijuana use legal, Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton said they'd decriminalize personal possession of the drug.

And state Sen. Liz Krueger said in an interview she'll reintroduce the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act in January.

If passed, the State Liquor Authority would tax and regulate marijuana. People over 18 could legally possess marijuana, and people over 21 could buy it. The law would allow six plants to be kept in a home.

Krueger said she's hoping to "desexify" marijuana, making weed just another taxed commodity. That would help the city's Black and Latino communities, where a disproportionate number of residents are charged with marijuana-related offenses.

"I'm not actually supporting people using marijuana, I don't use it now, I won't when it becomes legal," Krueger said.

Krueger said her bill prevents those convicted of higher-level drug crimes from going into the marijuana business, similar to current state liquor rules that prohibit felons from receiving a license.

"That doesn't mean someone who does sell some marijuana illegally today is not going to get a job at a retail (marijuana) location," Krueger said.

Krueger said legalization could also generate $2 billion of economic activity for New York.

That's the ka-ching of a cash register to the ears of Mitchell Stern, a former journalist who moved to California in 2009, and now sells marijuana seedlings.

Stern has seen the trickle-down effect of legal marijuana on other industries, from restaurants booming near dispensaries, to jobs in commercial agriculture and greenhouse design.

Quoted

"That doesn't mean someone who does sell some marijuana illegally today is not going to get a job at a retail [marijuana] location. And urban youth are probably not going to start an upstate farm to grow marijuana."

Krueger

Growers spend money building their farms, and pump tax money back into public schools, Stern said.

Stern said the weed business has the potential to be lucrative, but not the "cakewalk" that everyone thinks it is.

"I tell them, would you open up a winery if you didn't drink wine?" Stern said.

Steven Siegel, who runs a company that sells medical marijuana software, said legalizing pot could create thousands of jobs in New York.

"Any business you can think of right now that is a large industry, marijuana mimics that same industry," Siegel said.

Siegel said even the smallest grow houses have at least 20 workers.

If you're even thinking about getting into the grass business, said Siegel, get started planning before it's made legal.

"It allows the small guy the first opportunity to grab this ball and enter the arena," said Siegel.

What are they smoking?

In July, the normally staid New York Times' editorial board said the federal government should legalize marijuana for adults 21 and over, citing the drain on the criminal justice system.

The White House fired back in a statement, saying The Times failed to take into account public health risks associated with the drug. They are:

- How marijuana affects the developing brain
- Children who use pot have lower academic scores
- Marijuana is addictive
- Use significantly slows reaction time and can cause fatal automobile crashes

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Tony's METRO MAGIC

Black Friday. Small shops bet on loyalty

Perusing pants at Cadet USA / HANNAH MATTIX, METRO

As shoppers descend on big box retailers for Black Friday sales, city small businesses are betting on a loyal customer base.

"We're bringing products that are popular and we are able to offer them for a very good price," said Robert Paskucki, owner of Wizard Electroland, an electronics store in Ridgewood. "We feel like with most customers, we are like a family."

"Small-business owners don't have corporate structures that cause the extraction of wealth from a community," said Amanda Ballantyne, national director of The Main Street Alliance, a network of state-based small business coalitions.

Advocates for Independent Business, a coalition of locally owned businesses, says $48 of every $100 spent at independent retailers stays in the local economy, compared to $14 spent at national chains.

"I think people come to our stores and the neighborhoods we are in to escape any of that craziness," said Brad Schmidt of Cadet USA, a high-end men's retailer. "I think we have gained customers by not approaching Black Friday as some crazy insanity." DAN BUYANOVSKY

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Ruff treatment. Artist introduces superheroes to the Renaissance

A photographer has imagined what our favorite superheroes would look like if they plied their trades in the 16th and 17th centuries. In his "Super Flemish" series, Sacha Goldberger mashed up the famous faces of comic book characters with the refined aesthetics and styling of Flemish portraiture.

What was the inspiration behind this photography project?
My love of comics and Flemish painting ... and the challenge of how to mix two impossible things.

Why the 16th century? And why those specific heroes?
I'm a big fan of the lighting and poses of portrait painting from that period. The ultimate question was: Could I put my favorite superheroes from comic books in this kind of ambience?

What else makes this an amusing project?
The odd clash of heroes and narcissism inherent in the portrait genre. After all, they are supposed to save the world, not pose for pictures.

What have people said about the series?
The reaction of the audience is already so much better than I could imagine. ... I am very pleased about it.

DANIEL CASILLAS
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Goldberger has given the treatment to, clockwise from left: Batman and Robin; Spider-Man; and Ironman.

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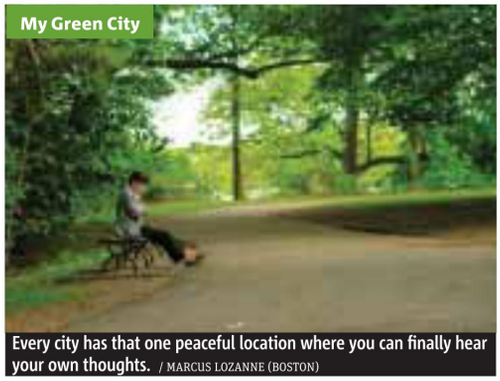
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Contest. You entered and voted, and now we've decided!

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The local jury – Aleksander Korab, Metro U.S. Editor-in-Chief; Lenyon Whitaker, Metro U.S. multimedia; and Jillian Nadell, Metro U.S. marketing-art director – selected the three U.S. winners out of 6,374 photo submissions. More than 60,000 votes were cast in each category.

Globally, there were more than 128,000 photos submitted by 36,500 photographers in 205 countries, making it the world's largest photography competition. During the eight-week contest, more than 1.5 million votes were submitted on www.metrophotochallenge.com.

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My City's Magic

The true magic of the city lies in its rich culture and music. This is a carnival dancer from Philadelphia's Brazilian Day Festival 2014. / CAMERON HARRIS (PHILADELPHIA)

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How to prepare a good cup of coffee leaf tea

"Just like your cup of tea, the water needs to be at 200°F, so not exactly boiling. Use approximately two grams of leaves and let infuse for three to four minutes. As coffee leaf tea tastes like black tea without the usual tannins that cause bitterness, we suggest you don't add any milk or sugar, rather enjoy it just plain."

Arabica plants have their own benefits. / PROVIDED

Your new caffeine fix

Coffee leaf tea. Wize Monkey launches Kickstarter to bring Africa's popular brew to the rest of the world.

The hybrid coffee-tea beverage is packed with cancer-fighting antioxidants. / CREATIVE COMMONS

"Coffee or tea?" is a question you might not have to answer anymore.

Tea made with the leaves of the Arabica coffee plant results in a brew that is higher in antioxidants than green tea, and a pair of Vancouver-based entrepreneurs are looking to bring the crop to the world's attention.

"Max Rivest and I were doing our masters of business in France when we found a study praising the health benefits of coffee leaf tea," explains Arnaud Petitvallet, who cofounded Wize Monkey. "We couldn't understand why no one had thought of using this leaf."

The 2013 study, published in the scientific journal Annals of Botany, found that leaves from the coffea plant (whose seeds are picked and roasted to become coffee beans) could provide a new, healthy drink to rival your daily hot beverage.

"What was surprising was how many antioxidants are in the coffee leaves. They are much higher in count than those in green tea and black tea," says study leader Aaron Davies, a botanist at Kew Gardens, London.

In the leaves of Arabica coffee plants, scientists found very high levels of mangiferin, a chemical that was first extracted from mangos and has "lots of healthy properties attached to it," Davies adds.

In the 1800s, there were attempts to introduce coffee leaf tea, a popular drink in African countries including Ethiopia and South Sudan. But it's the bean of the plant that got all the attention and popularity, triggering a "caffeine frenzy," say the Wize Monkey founders.

In August 2013, the two young entrepreneurs went to Nicaragua to find their own coffee leaf provider. After an episode that involved Rivest being bitten by a dog and the lucky find of an English-speaking Good Samaritan, they were introduced to Armando, a Nicaraguan farmer who is now part of the project – and has a tea blend named after him.

To date, Wize Monkey has just one product for sale, but with the help of Kickstarter, the duo are hoping to diversify.

Quoted

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Aniston goes back to bad

Interview. The actress compares playing her "Horrible Bosses 2" character to eating an In-N-Out burger.

Jennifer Aniston reprises her role as a horndog dentist in "Horrible Bosses 2." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

In "Horrible Bosses 2," Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions — apparently she was faking the first step. "I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene. "What a wonderful, sort of easy [opportunity]. I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia is a character that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she reveled in. "She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In-N-Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says. "I find it extremely entertaining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think, to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful souffle or what are we going to be doing this weekend?"

SHE'S ON A ROLL.
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For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed. "Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was. "I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says. "The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes. "It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

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Different strokes

Comedy vs. drama

"Horrible Bosses 2" isn't the only big film Jennifer Aniston has on tap. She's also been getting rave reviews for her more serious work in the indie drama "Cake," which can lead to a bit of promotional schizophrenia. But she wouldn't have it any other way. "I love doing both," Aniston says. "I mean, I think one accesses one part of my brain, and the other accesses another. Anytime I approach any character, comedy or drama, it's grounded in reality, coming from the truth. There's comedy in drama and drama in comedy; I don't find the two exclusive of one another."

2 CULTURE

But seriously

Take this Waltz

Aniston isn't the only "Horrible Bosses 2" cast member who has more serious fare coming out soon. Christoph Waltz, who plays the CEO screwing over our three anti-heroes, will soon be seen in Tim Burton's "Big Eyes," due Christmas Day. He plays Walter Keane, who notoriously took credit for the immensely popular paintings of sad children with giant eyes that were in fact made by his wife, Margaret (played by Amy Adams).

Co-lead Jason Bateman, meanwhile, is hard at work on his own drama, "The Family Fang," which will be the second film he's directed, after this year's "Bad Words." Bateman teams with Nicole Kidman to play siblings searching for their lost parents, one of them played by no less than Christopher Walken.

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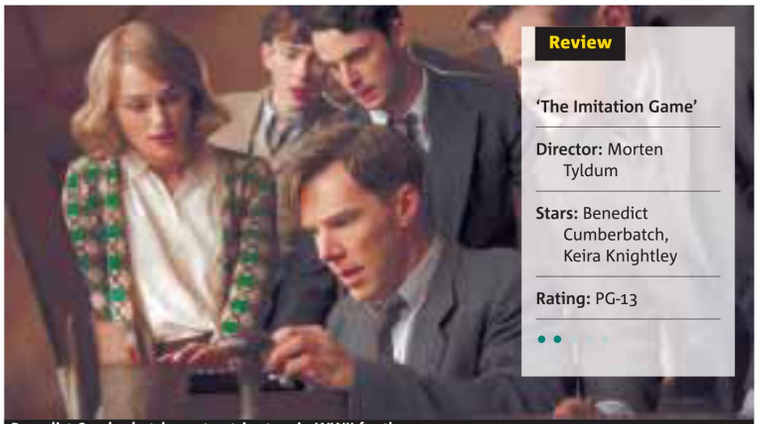
History. The man who helped save WWII gets a by-the-numbers movie — and Cumberbatch



Benedict Cumberbatch, center, tries to win WWII for the Allies in "The Imitation Game." / THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

Review

'The Imitation Game'

Director: Morten Tyldum

Stars: Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley

Rating: PG-13

Benedict Cumberbatch lends his alien presence to Alan Turing, one of the mathematicians who cracked the Nazi Enigma code, basically winning World War II for the Allies and paving the way for the computer… and then was driven to misery and suicide for being gay in a time when homosexuality was illegal in England.

The lowdown: Let's assume that the moment Turing cracked the Enigma didn't happen in a pub as a "Eureka!" moment, followed by him running out of the bar like a madman, pursued by his perplexed colleagues. It's an admittedly entertaining moment in "The Imitation Game," but also a silly one — the kind of biopic scene that subtracts credibility from the whole, but charms anyway. You know it probably didn't happen that way or any way like it — mathematical discoveries are much more slow burn and boring — but the moment captures an anxious glee that, at the time, trumps dull truth.

There's not enough of these dumb-fun bits in "The Imitation Game." Usually it's just a despairingly unimaginative, pitched-to-the-rafters, embarrassingly simplified take on a deeply, comically complex story. It's a dumb movie about smart people. Played in full-on alien mode by Benedict Cumberbatch, Turing is here a strident, borderline Asperger's loner who has to learn the value of teamwork. The real issue of the film is actually pushed off until the final reel, and that's Turing's homosexuality. But it's as afraid to deal with Turing's secret as he was to let it be known, and the shoehorning of it into the final moments smacks of the bad old days. At least it's got Cumberbatch — a rock star playing a rock star. Turing doesn't get a great movie, but he does get the right actor.

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Movies to polish off this Thanksgiving weekend

Need some holiday entertainment while stuck with your family? These Thanksgiving-themed movies are available to watch right now.

Are you still stuck at home? Will this Thanksgiving never end? And how did people get through this before the days of streaming video? Alas, Jodie Foster's "Home for the Holidays" — with Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr. and Claire Danes bickering through the holiday — is not currently available on any streaming service. Don't worry, though, because we've got some other Thanksgiving-themed viewing ideas, all of which you can stream right now if you and yours need some spontaneous quiet time.

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For getting over that Thanksgiving travel stress:

Sure, it was a chore getting there, but it could've been worse, as the John Hughes classic **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"** (Netflix) is happy to remind you.

For some bloody, cheesy fun:

Is schlocky horror more your family's speed? Then load up **"ThanksKilling"** (iTunes), an intentionally bad slasher film about a killer mutant talking turkey targeting sexy coeds in the woods.

For bringing your significant other home for the first time:

At least this won't be like **"The House of Yes"** (Netflix), in which Parker Posey terrorizes Tori Spelling. It'll make your own visit seem comparatively lovely.

Good grief

It's turkey time, Charlie Brown

Oddly enough, you don't have to rely on streaming for one of the great holiday spectacles: **"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving,"** gets its annual spin on ABC Wednesday night, if you need help getting into the grumpy spirit. If you miss it or forget to set your DVR, you might be able to find it on YouTube, but you didn't hear that from us.

For the family that can laugh about their dysfunction:

Gather all the ghouls together for a rewatching of **"Addams Family Values"** (Netflix). While the plot is about a lot more than food, Christina Ricci kills at her camp's "The First Thanksgiving" play.

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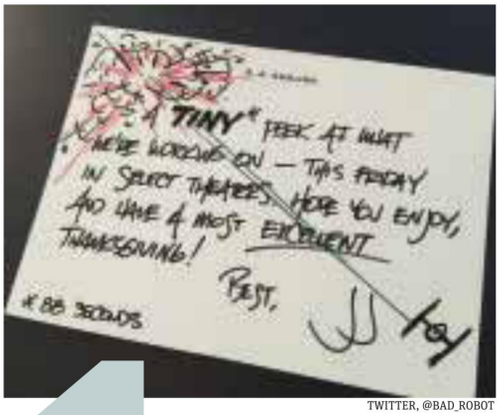

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It's happening, "Star Wars" fans. It's really happening. Starting today and continuing through the holiday weekend, Lucasfilm and Disney are debuting an 88-second teaser trailer for "Star Wars: the Force Awakens" at 30 select venues across the country. And you don't even have to worry about buying a ticket to something you don't want to see, as the trailer will be shown before every single movie playing at select Regal, AMC and Cinemark theaters.

And just in case you didn't feel special enough about the teaser, director J.J. Abrams even put out this handwritten note inviting everyone to check it out.

Now you just have to wait 13 more months till the movie comes out.

Watch it

For those playing along at home, here are the local spots where you can catch the trailer on the big screen:

- **Boston:** AMC Boston Commons 19
- **New York:** AMC Lincoln Square 12, Regal Union Square
- **Philadelphia:** Regal Warrington 22

Daily video

The true spirit of Black Friday

Ah, Black Friday, the day when the love of a great bargain can drive droves of people to abandon common decency and make with the fisticuffs. While there are plenty of amazing sales and doorbuster specials out there, let's maybe reflect on what that all can lead to with this supercut of Black Friday madness. 'Tis the season.

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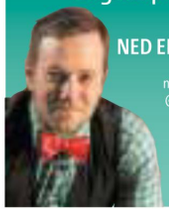
Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.



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This week in 'Friends' reunion denials

It's become evident that being part of the cast of "Friends" means fielding questions about a theoretical reunion at every interview, as Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matthew Perry, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer are learning. OK, maybe not so much Schwimmer because no one's really interviewing him lately, but still. Here's a look at the latest crop of denials:

Matthew LeBlanc: "I definitely hang out with them from time to time, and there's no talk of a reunion at all."

Courteney Cox: "There's six 'Friends,' and I've been trying to put together a cast dinner for 10 years. It doesn't happen! I can get the girls to come, maybe Matthew Perry. Matt LeBlanc canceled last time. ... So it's just not gonna happen."

Lisa Kudrow: "I'll go for it. A whole season, because to spend that much time with those people again would be heaven."

Jennifer Aniston: "I say we just wait until we're really much older and be just 'Golden Friends' because then you wouldn't have the comparisons like, 'Oh, look at Joey. What happened to them?'"

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The Twitter wisdom of Jaden Smith

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2. I've Bin Drinking Distilled Water For So Long That When I Drink Normal Water It Feels Like I'm Swallowing Huge Chunks Of Aluminum.
3. I Feel Like People Who Look Similar Act Similar.
4. I Build Pyramids Constantly.

Thanksgiving

Here, have some fake celebrity 'what I'm thankful for' messages

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, how about some completely baseless speculation into what famous people are thankful for this year? I thought you'd never ask.

Miley Cyrus: Psychedelics in general. Also, Molly.

MILEY CYRUS, NOT AT ALL ON PSYCHEDELICS

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Jay Z: A noticeable lack of elevators at Solange's wedding

Kim Kardashian: Baby oil. So much baby oil.

Harrison Ford: New York City's new, more lax approach to marijuana possession

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Deal or no deal?

Retail. What to resist on Black Friday and how to shop smarter this year.

There's no doubt that Black Friday is brimming with bargains and steals. But put on your earmuffs, hardcore devotees, because an ugly truth lies ahead: Sometimes the hype is just hype, and retailers will roll out their best prices — and better quality products — later in December.

Did we just re-kill Santa for you? Please accept our sincere apologies, and read on for expert tips on what to wait on this weekend.

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Toys

A quick disclaimer: If anything "Frozen" is on your kiddo's list, you should probably buy that right away (or, you know, last week). But for toys that aren't in such high demand, hold off. "We've been collecting data on Black Friday for 10 years," says Kyle James, founder of coupon and bargain-hunting hotspot Rather-Be-Shopping.com. "There are definitely good Black Friday buys, but then there are bad Black Friday buys. One of the bad ones is toys — Black Friday and Cyber Monday are not the best prices for toys."

When to buy: According to James, the two weeks leading up to Christmas is when you see the really big price cuts.

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Televisions

Before you line up for that big-screen TV, do your research on the brand and model. "The Black Friday deals on these look great, but the quality with some is so bad that they don't even stock them the rest of the year," warns James.

When to buy: "If you're looking for a high-quality TV, there are much better deals in January and early February when the new models come out and the older ones go on sale," says James.

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Apparel

Although you'll score major deals on fall apparel, winter apparel is not going to see significant discounts this weekend.

When to buy: If you're looking for yourself and not for a gift, wait until after Christmas, advises Kristen Nelson of RetailMeNot.com, a discount junkie's dream site. "The post-Christmas sales are really, really good," she says. "They're waiting for people to come back to return items and coming back with gift cards."

Don't buy that sweater yet! / HEMERA

Avoid lines

Smaller names, bigger deals

Traditional Black Friday heavyweights such as Macy's, Best Buy and Walmart are going to be packed, no doubt. For great deals without the lines, James suggests putting lower-key retailers such as Sears, JCPenney and Kohl's at the top of your list.

Coupon codes

Shipping fees?

Next, please. As free shipping becomes the norm and retailers feel the pressure from competitors, don't pay those fees without looking for a deal first. "It's become expected for retailers to offer free shipping at this point," says Nelson. "Look for a free shipping offer — it's definitely out there if you just take a minute." (Sites such as RetailMeNot and Rather-Be-Shopping compile special codes and offers for you.)

Sale alerts

Ad nauseam

Deciphering retailers' Black Friday ads makes us want to take long naps. Instead of digging through a pile of small-type fliers, let third-party sites do the work for you. Rather-Be-Shopping.com will send you personalized coupon emails based on where you like to shop, and RetailMeNot has a free app that uses location-based technology to alert you when you're near a store with discounts available. Leaving your house just got dangerous.

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Black Friday by the numbers

RetailMeNot's latest Shopping Trend Report looked at more than 500,000 Black Friday sales and consumer habits. Here's what they found:

21%
Black Friday shoppers who report never missing a year

37%
The average discount off the original price on Black Friday

$196
The average amount that shoppers plan to spend per person on their holiday list this year

16%
Black Friday shoppers who would skip family time to score deals

8%
Family time isn't the only thing hardcore shoppers are willing to look over, with 8 percent saying they would cut in line and break the speed limit to get major deals.

Black Friday: The short list

It feels so good to score deals. / INGRAM PUBLISHING

Doorbusters. Here are the one-day sales and steals you don't want to miss.

Tip

Spoiler alert

Look, we appreciate the hunt. We do. But we'd be remiss not to mention Amazon, which has rolled out an aggressive Black Friday takeover plan over the past few years. The downside: If you never leave your couch, you can't get Mall Breakfast — and Mall Breakfast is important.

Let's face it: As soon as your Halloween sugar rush wore off, holiday sale season was in full, frenzied swing. But for the true bargain hunters among us, Black Friday remains the main event, the undisputed High Holy Day of Cheap Stuff. (Although — insert judgy headshake here — most sales kick off on Thanksgiving.)

Braving the crowds this year? Here are the retailers that made our list — which, of course, we checked twice.

Old Navy

Starting at 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving and lasting through Friday, all Old Navy merchandise will be 50 percent off. If you're one of the first 100 customers in line, you'll get a chance card that could be worth $1 million, which may or may not make up for missing Thanksgiving.

Target

The good people at Target put together a holiday sales package that is brimming with deals — and takes a solid 45 minutes to decipher. Here are the Black Friday highlights (which yes, you do owe us for): iPad Air 2 16GB plus a $140 Target Gift Card for $499, Beats by Dre Solo HD Headphones for $97, Sony PlayStation 4 plus two games for $399 and 40 percent off apparel and select LEGO sets.

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Kicking off on Thursday at 5 p.m., doorbusters at Penney's include $2.99 bath towels, $9.99 kitchen electronics and 60 percent off holiday trim and decor. As is the tradition here, coupons are plentiful and you will have to drag your mom out.

Walmart

Deals vary at each location, so head to Walmart.com for the local breakdown, as well as a map of each store so you know where to run when the doors open (but really, don't do that). If you're one of the first 100 people in line for Thursday's 6 p.m. opening, you're guaranteed to get the markdown price on select items, even if they sell out.

H&M

Line up early for scratch-off coupons at H&M, which will go to the first 100 shoppers. There are deals to be had all week, but Friday-only specials include $4.95 women's sweaters, $9.95 men's plaid button-downs and $5 shirts for the kiddos.

Best Buy

Best Buy opens at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving and then has Friday hours starting at 8 a.m. In addition to the usual heavily discounted TVs you can also pick up $10 DVDs and a $1 Samsung Galaxy S5 – with a two-year contract because, real talk, nothing is $1.

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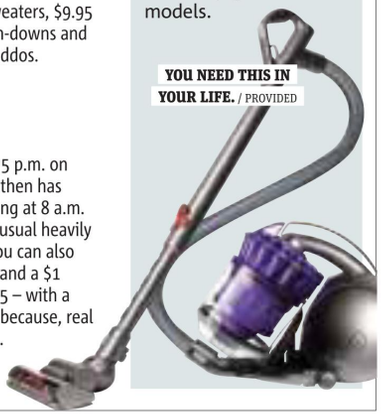
Two good deals

Product picks

The George Foreman Grill will always have a place under the tree: The Super-Champ 3-Serving model is $9.95 at Walmart on Black Friday.

On the other hand, a vacuum cleaner is not a great gift. Or even a good gift. It's possible that a vacuum cleaner does not even qualify as a gift. But, if you must, Dyson is the only way to go. Thursday through Monday, visit Dyson.com for $150 off select models.



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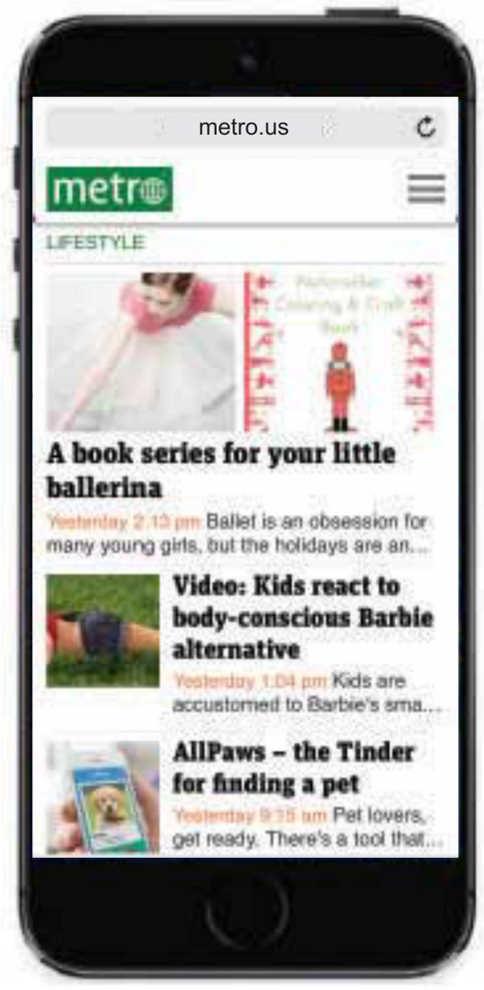

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Location: 1 E. First St., 212-533-3088
Open: 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
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Macy's

Location: 151 W. 34th St., 212-695-4400
Open: From 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving with specials running through 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28; Saturday, Nov. 29, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Get all your holiday shopping done in one stop by heading to the store that sells almost everything. It will be madness, but the deals will be worth it.
Deal: Junior brands such as American Rag, XOXO, Material Girl and Jessica Simpson will all be offering buy one, get one deals, while adult brands such as Tommy Hilfiger and Rachel Roy will be offering huge sales on outerwear and more. Shoppers can also get a Bella Rocket blender, toaster, waffle maker and other kitchen items for $7.99 to $9.99.

Macy's Black Friday sales start Thanksgiving Day at 6 p.m. GETTY IMAGES

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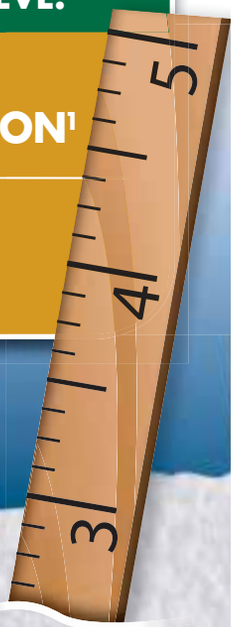

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♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You are likely to hear unpleasant news. Try to react responsibly, not emotionally. Everything will get better if you are patient.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You will face opposition if you are too vocal. Unless you are asked for advice, keep your opinions to yourself.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You are riding a crest, so don't let anything slow you down. You are headed for the top, and any unnecessary delays could alter the positive outcome.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. When hosting a group of people, add special touches. The thought is equally as important as the final product.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. If you are too demanding, expect to face opposition. Be respectful of the people you are dealing with.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You will feel down today, making it necessary to put a positive spin on whatever you do. Be the first to offer a smile, and good things will happen.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. It's surprising how many useful connections can be made when you volunteer your time or services. Don't pass up a chance to help others.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It's time to take ownership. Take charge of your responsibilities and face the consequences of your actions.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A chance encounter will blossom into a fabulous, long-lasting friendship. Get out and socialize so that you can meet people from different walks of life.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You may want to call a truce with someone you're fighting with. Accept your share of the blame and move on. EUGENIA LAST

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Fine those who enable illegal immigration

President Obama said that one of the reasons for allowing four-plus million illegals to get full residence status is so they can pay taxes. If they are not paying any taxes now, let's have their employers pay their taxes, or if is not possible, than fine the employers that give these jobs to the illegals. In addition, the states and local laws should charge landlords who rent houses to illegals. One reason is the landlords don't claim this income on their tax returns; also, in many locations, it is a fire hazard — they sleep 10 in one room and share one bathroom.
ANDY BELLIZZI, VIA EMAIL

Don't eat monkeys

Researchers think that the origin of Ebola is due to the upsetting changes in agriculture: chemical farming and clearing of forests. They have hypothesized that epidemics of Ebola are seasonal and related to ripening foods. Fruit bats that carry the virus spread that virus with their saliva, feces and urine on the fruit, making it contaminated. Then gorillas and chimpanzees eat the contaminated fruit and pick up the virus. Finally, humans eat those primates and become infected.
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21 Call on
22 Williams and Koppel
23 Indy winner A.J. —
25 Cartoon shrieks
27 Gauzy-winged insects
31 Approached
35 Sheriff Andy's son
36 Table salt
38 Cause mirth
39 Amigo of Fidel
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20 Mil. rank
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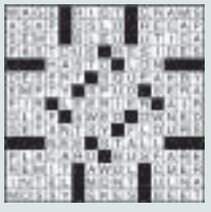

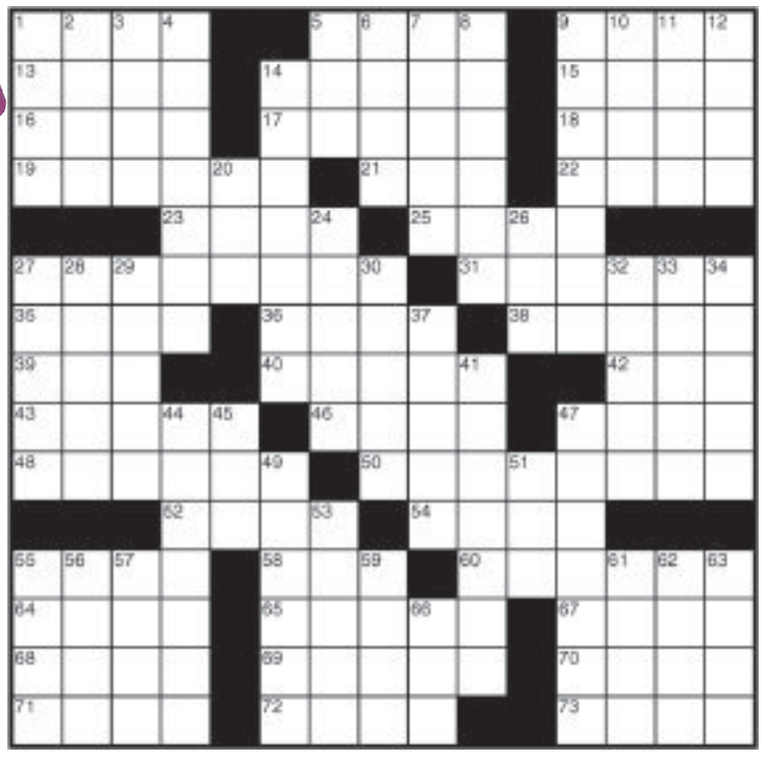

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3 Storylines to watch as Giants face Jaguars

NFL. The Giants' schedule finally lets up as the squad looks to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Giants' season may be unofficially over, but there are still games to be played. Up next on the docket is the Jacksonville Jaguars. And while they are amongst the dregs of the league, record-wise, they will not be a pushover for Big Blue.

Metro takes a look at Sunday's matchup and breaks down key storylines to watch, as the Giants (3-8) are now only playing for pride.

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Odell Beckham Jr. headlines an impressive list of rookie wide receivers becoming stars this season. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

1 Get Beckham to keep it rolling

The most important player on the Giants' offense is also a neophyte; rookie Odell Beckham Jr.

Like Jacksonville's Denard Robinson, the rookie is new to the rigors of being the focal point of the offense and Beckham has handled the role supremely.

Beckham is wise beyond his years and he has quickly tried to distance himself from the catch-of-the-year talk, following the Cowboys game, because his team lost.

While everyone was throwing verbal bouquets at the wide-out — and rightfully so — Beckham was already moving on to this week's matchup, explaining maturely that there's more to accomplish than merely being the owner of the league's best catch.

Beckham will have plenty of opportunities to go off against a Jaguars secondary that is ranked 16th in the league.

2 Keep control of Robinson

The Giants own one of the worst run defenses in the NFL — always hovering around the bottom-five units of the league.

They're currently ranked 26th — just two weeks removed from being the worst overall run defense in the league.

The Jaguars are ranked dead-last in the league in total offense, including a 22nd ranking in rushing offense, but they have an underrated running game that is spearheaded by former Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson. The convert leads the team in rushing (422 yards), despite not opening the season as the starting running back and has been riding a hot streak over the last month. He's also adapted very well to the rigors of being an NFL running back, as he hasn't fumbled all season, while registering four rushing touchdowns.

Robinson's contributions as a running back have come as a surprise.

3 Unleash pass rush on Bortles

If the Giants manage to slow down Robinson, they'll be able to make the Jags offense one dimensional. That means rookie quarterback Blake Bortles will need to beat the Giants in the passing game.

The former University of Central Florida star has shown flashes since being named starter a quarter of the way into the season, but he's mostly shown rookie tendencies — hence his league-worst passer rating.

Bortles has the size, arm strength, agility and moxie to be an elite signal-caller one day, but still lacks the pocket awareness and football acumen to be a top-flight passer this year. Bortles has thrown for eight touchdowns and a league-high 15 interceptions, so there's plenty of success to be had by Big Blue should they make Jacksonville a one-dimension offense.

THE GIANTS DEFENSE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE A BEVY OF TURNOVERS SUNDAY. GETTY IMAGES

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Broadly speaking

Flyers, Rangers to tango

The Flyers and Rangers, bitter rivals in the Metropolitan division have a holiday home-and-home this weekend, as the Broad Street Bullies host the Blue Shirts at 1 p.m. Friday before traveling to Madison Square Garden for another 1 p.m. start Saturday.

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NFL news

Giovani Bernard got hurt and returned to find himself in a time share. The Bengals are realizing they're a better team with Jeremy Hill in the starter's role and Bernard as a change-of-pace option.

Late Boomer

Sharp owners recognized that the Colts wouldn't want to increase ineffective Trent Richardson's role in spite of Ahmad Bradshaw's season-ending injury. Enter Dan "Boom" Herron, who actually started in Week 12 and filled the Bradshaw role well with 17 touches (including five catches) for 96 total yards. As an even committee partner in the league's No. 1 offense, Herron is in play as an every-week fantasy start the rest of the way.

Age of Latavius

The no-talent Raiders were inexplicably holding athletic freak Latavius Murray on their bench all year. When they finally chose to use him (after 10 straight losses), he ran for 112 yards and two touchdowns on four carries before suffering a concussion. He's certainly a fantasy asset as the feature back going forward, but owners expecting high-end production will be disappointed. Game flow will prevent Murray from getting big workloads and the upcoming schedule is brutal: at STL, vs. SF, at KC, vs. BUF.

Trent Richardson won't be getting the brunt of touches in Indy with Dan Herron in the mix. / GETTY IMAGES

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Pickups of the week

Here are two of the best adds for Week 13:

- **Kenny Stills, WR, Saints:** As expected, Stills was the biggest beneficiary of Brandin Cooks' season-ending injury.
- **Jarvis Landry, WR, Dolphins:** Landry doesn't go long and isn't very fast, but he's emerged as Ryan Tannehill's favorite possession target.
- **Jordan Cameron, TE, Browns:** Cleared off his latest concussion, Cameron will benefit from Josh Gordon drawing all the attention.

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